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Kidnapping Suspect Arrested After SWAT Standoff at 54th Street and Lea Street

San Diego – 54th Street is now open after an hours-long standoff between police and an armed kidnapping suspect. At 7:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of 5200 Rex Avenue after a 911 caller reported a man with a gun in the alley. As officers arrived, the suspect was seen leaving the area in a van with a woman passenger. The woman yelled for help as they drove past police. Believing a kidnapping was occurring, officers attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver led police on a lengthy pursuit through Mid-City and Southeastern San Diego.

Officers used spike strips to eventually bring the vehicle to a halt at 54th Street and Lea Street. The woman ran from the vehicle and officers brought her to safety. Officers determined the woman had been kidnapped by the driver.

The driver refused to exit the vehicle for several hours. The San Diego Police Department's Emergency Negotiation Team and Special Weapons and Tactics Team were called in to help de-escalate and resolve the situation. The suspect was taken into custody shortly after noon. A firearm was recovered during the incident.

Police arrested 45-year-old Adrian Lamont Brooks for kidnapping, weapons violations, violation of a domestic violence restraining order, committing a felony while on bail, and evasion.

The San Diego Police Department thanks the Chollas Creek, Redwood Village, and Oak Park communities for their patience as officers worked to peacefully resolve this dangerous situation.

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